

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2024 – 7 p.m.

Bradley Knolhoff, Chairman

Nelson Heinzmann, Vice Chairman

1. OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER

Sheriff Dan Travous called the meeting of the Clinton County District Board to order at 7 p.m. on August 19, 2024.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Present: Arentsen, Clark, Haselhorst, Heinzmann, Hilmes, Jansen, B. Knolhoff, K. Knolhoff, Rakers, Rapien, Riechman, Schroeder, Veizer. Absent: Kuhl, Striker. The record reflected there was a quorum.

4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion – Arentsen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 regular meeting. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

7. PUBLIC MAY APPROACH THE BOARD

- a. Allen Huelsmann questioned the board about the veteran's disability exemption, available through the Supervisor of Assessments Office, which excuses qualified disabled veterans from paying property taxes. Huelsmann said he pays \$11,000 in property taxes, and he does not understand why disabled veterans should be exempt. He also asked about the rules permitting service dogs and disability dogs in the courthouse.

8. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

- a. Circuit Clerk Rod Kloeckner addressed the question about service animals. He explained that in addition to being circuit clerk, he is also the court disability coordinator for the county. State and federal rules mandate that all people with disabilities have the same access to court hearings, court proceedings and court offices. This is also mandated by the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Human Rights Act. Failure to comply with the statutes would be illegal and a civil rights violation. Under that umbrella falls service dogs and emotional support animals. The county cannot deny access, for any reason, to a person who has a service animal. In addition, his office has a certified emotional support animal that is used for juvenile

proceedings, divorce cases and orders of protection to help children involved in court cases.

b. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. Zoning and Subdivision Committee – Ann Schroeder

1. Zoning Report – Jami Staser said the Zoning Board met August 7 with seven cases Presented, and two cases are on the agenda for board approval.

i. Motion – Map Amendment – Agricultural (A) to Agricultural-Residential (A-R) – Matt Rakers and Connie Robben – Sugar Creek Township.

Staser said the property consists of 46.54 acres and is located on Ranz and Rakers Roads, northwest of Aviston. If approved, the revised subdivision would need to go through the subdivision committee.

Rapien made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the map amendment.

Haselhorst seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Abstain), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with 1 abstaining.

ii. Motion - Special Use Family Split – Logan Speiser – East Fork Township

Staser said Speiser intends to build one home on 5.02 acres on Speiser Road, northeast of Carlyle on the east side of Carlyle Lake.

Haselhorst a motion for a roll call vote to approve the family split. Schroeder seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

b. Economic Development, Tourism and Clinton County Enterprise Zone – Mike Rakers
No Report.

c. Insurance/ICIT – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann reported the committee met August 12. Total insurance costs are down \$14,000, medical claims are down \$3,300 and pharmacy costs are down \$800 as compared to one year ago. Fixed costs are similar to last year. Expenses, to date, show that the county is 16 percent over budget; however, with reimbursements, the county is 21 percent under budget. The county received a check from TrueRx for \$10,610. The committee also had an extensive discussion about the definition of a retiree for potential policy regarding retiree insurance. No further action was taken on that topic. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 14 with no meeting in September.

d. Facilities Committee – Gary Arentsen
No Report.

e. Animal Control – Ann Schroeder

No Report.

- f. Finance – David Veizer
 - 1. Treasurer’s Monthly Report – Denise Trame
 - i. Motion – Monthly Budget and Financial Report
Rapien made a motion to approve the report. Riechman seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.
- g. Budget – Nelson Heinzmann
 - 1. Heinzmann said he has been in contact with accountant Fred Becker and the committee will meet in September to begin work on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget.
- h. Law Enforcement, EMA, Welfare, Safety and Liquor Control – Mike Strieker
No Report.
- i. Road and Bridge – Ken Knolhoff
 - 1. Monthly County Engineer’s Report – Dan Behrens
Behrens said the contractor has started working again on the Huey Road Bridge, north of Hoffman. The county is still in the queue for railroad flaggers to get the Albers Road resurfacing project underway. Behrens gave an update on the two closed bridges located on county line roads. Marion County is supposed to be the lead on both projects; however, there are some administration changes underway in Marion County so Clinton has made an offer to take over as lead on the projects to keep the work progressing. Repairs will be split 60/40 with Clinton County paying 60 percent. Behrens said the bulk of the funding will come from the state’s bridge fund. Three trucks are out for sealed bids with a bidding deadline of Sept. 9. Rakers asked if there was any update on the state’s work on Route 161, west of Albers. Behrens said the last he had heard was completion in the middle of September.
- j. Personnel, Labor and Grievance – Mike Hilmes and Gary Arentsen
 - 1. Hilmes said the committee met August 13. Members approved the July minutes and have two items that need to come before the full board.
 - i. Motion – Resignation and Payout for County Clerk Employee Janice Strotheide.
Strotheide’s resignation will take effect January 16, 2025 with a maximum payout not to exceed \$14,276.24.
Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the resignation and payout. Riechman seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.
 - ii. Motion – Resolution for the Reappointment of County Engineer Dan Behrens.
The committee also approved the Engineer’s salary as set each year by the state. Hilmes made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the reappointment. Schroeder seconded the motion.
Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes

(Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Abstain), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 12-0 with one abstaining.

k. Executive – Nelson Heinzmann

1. Heinzmann said the committee met August 16 and reviewed the County Board agenda. The Executive Committee voted to bring the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) to the full board for a vote. B. Knolhoff said that when the health department moved out of 930 Fairfax Street, ROE requested taking over the building for their office. It was decided that a better option for the county would be to lease the building to ROE versus selling. The Intergovernmental Agreement details a 20-year, long-term lease with the option to terminate the lease if the building is ever needed back. This gives ROE the opportunity to have a home and the school superintendent plans to make improvements to the building at ROE's expense. Ken Knolhoff questioned Article 6 of the agreement and whether it should be modified to prevent ROE from making any additions to the size of the building. It was agreed that Article 6 should be revised.

- i. Motion – Intergovernmental Agreement with ROE for 930 Fairfax Street in Carlyle.

K. Knolhoff made a motion for a roll call vote to approve the agreement pending revisions are made to Article 6. Heinzmann seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (No), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (No), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 11-2.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

a. Radio – Curt Haselhorst

1. Haselhorst said the committee is still awaiting the judge's decision regarding the temporary restraining order for construction of a telecommunications tower west of Germantown. In recent action, the judge extended the date for his final ruling, so the matter remains in limbo.

b. Health Building – Ken Knolhoff

No Report.

c. Veterans – Greg Riechman

1. Riechman said the committee met August 15 and discussed local events such as Wreaths Across America, and the Honor Flights that the committee is helping to organize. Some of the local veterans will be traveling to Washington D.C. on August 27 so there will be a send-off event for them on August 26 at Carl's Four-Wheel Drive in Bartelso. Veterans Appreciation Day will be held on Sept. 7 at Whispering Pines, the former Camp Joy Boy Scout Camp.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

a. Board of Health – Mike Kuhl

1. Health Department Administrator Chris Leidel said there was no board meeting in August; however, he reported they had great participation in a back-to-school checkup clinic with 60 students seen. The program will be expanded in 2025. The next board meeting is set for Sept. 10.
 - i. Motion – Health Department Monthly Report
Riechmann made a motion to approve the monthly report. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- b. 708 Mental Health Board – Holly Clark
No Report.
- c. 911 ETSB Board – Bruce Rapien
 1. Rapien reported the committee met August 14. The county was successful in securing a \$222,000 grant through 9-1-1 for lidar mapping of the schools in Clinton County. Rapien said it's similar to radar but lidar allows for mapping of the interior layout of the schools which will be crucial for responding to any potential school emergencies.
- d. Discover Downstate Illinois (Ann Schroeder), SILEC (Mike Kuhl), SCIGA (Greg Riechman), Greater Centralia Enterprise Zone (Holly Clerk/Greg Riechman), Southern Illinois Workforce Investment Board (Mike Rakers), SWIDA (Ann Schroeder), SIMAPC (Greg Riechman), UCCI
No Report.

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Arentsen made a motion for a roll call vote for approval of Accounts Payable. Hilmes seconded the motion.

Arentsen (Yes), Clark (Yes), Haselhorst (Yes), Heinzmann (Yes), Hilmes (Yes), Jansen (Yes), B. Knolhoff (Yes), K. Knolhoff (Yes), Kuhl (Absent), Rakers (Yes), Rapien (Yes), Riechman (Yes), Schroeder (Yes), Strieker (Absent), Veizer (Yes). Motion Carried 13-0.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

14. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- a. B. Knolhoff said he has seven people representing varying aspects of government to be appointed to the board of the Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan & Regional Planning Commission
 1. Motion – Appoint Judy Smith, mayor of Carlyle – SIMAPC Commission Member
 2. Motion – Appoint Brad Myers, Carlyle City Administrator – SIMAPC Commission Member
 3. Motion – Appoint Clyde Strotheide, Wheatfield Township Supervisor – SIMAPC Commission Member
 4. Motion – Appoint Thomas Venhaus, Sugar Creek Township Supervisor – SIMAPC Commission Member
 5. Motion – Appoint Ann Schroeder, Clinton County Board Member – SIMAPC Commission Member
 6. Motion – Appoint Mike Rakers, Clinton County Board Member – SIMAPC

Commission Member

7. Motion – Appoint Jami Staser, Clinton County Zoning Administrator – SIMAPC
Commission Member

Heinzmann made a motion to approve all seven appointments with one vote. Veizer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

15. NEW BUSINESS

16. ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Rakers made a motion to adjourn until Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7 p.m. Arentsen seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



Vicky Albers
County Clerk & Recorder